



Environmental Affairs Board

Meeting Notes

10-28-03 ■ 6:00 p.m.

Committee Room

Second Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Will Anderson, Kathi Beratan, Ahrash Bissell, Ray Eurquhart, Mathew Greenwolfe, Judy Kincaid, and Dock Terrell

Members Absent: Samantha Miller-resigned, Darryl Roberts(E)

Guests Present:

Staff Present: Frank Duke, William Sun, Doug Vaughn, Glen Whisler, and Alex Waddell

September Meeting Notes

Judy Kincaid made a motion to approve the notes for September meeting. The motion was seconded by Will Anderson and approved with all ayes.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Canary Coalition Resolution

Vote for the Public Health appointment

How to handle the UDO presentation

Proposed Watershed Amendments for Sewer Lines

Kathi met with Frank Duke, the Planning Director, to go over some questions he had with the letter of response for Joint City-County Planning Committee. Based on those concerns, Kathi redrafted the letter and emailed board members the new version. The discussion centered around references to conservation design principles and their relationship to the Unified Development Ordinance, performance bond issues, and stormwater issues related to the County Stormwater Ordinance. Kathi requested that Board members let her know if any more rewriting is necessary by tomorrow. If it is determined these changes are substantial another vote may be necessary before submitting to the Joint City-County Planning Committee.

Canary Coalition Resolution

A representative of the Canary Coalition asked the Durham City Council to adopt their resolution to urge the NC Attorney General to file a petition for review against the EPA's rule change in New Source Review provision of the Clean Air Act and to urge the NC congressional delegation to co-sponsor legislation in Congress to repeal EPA's Routine Maintenance ruling. The City Council directed the City Manager to forward the information to the Environmental Affairs Board for their recommendation on this item. Kathi presented some background information to

the Board from her research of the topic today. Frank said the letter should be sent to the Mayor with copies to the City Council, the City Manager, Elizabeth Stoeber and the Planning Department. A motion was made by Judy Kincaid to ask the City Council to encourage the State Attorney General to join the suit against the EPA New Source Review ruling. Ahrash will draft a letter for review by the Board to be sent to the appropriate officials. The motion was seconded by Dock Terrell. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no.

Public Health Appointment

Kathi said EAB will now be able to review the applications for appointments and offer a recommendation to Joint City-County Planning Committee. The applications for Public Health were reviewed and Judy made a motion to recommend Sharon Beard as the appointee for that position. The motion was seconded by Kathi and approved with all ayes.

Wake County Air Quality Report

Kathi received a letter from Ellen Reckhow, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioner, requesting EAB to review the Wake County Report and advise the Board of County Commissioners of any recommendations that would be useful for Durham County. The time frame for response is about three months. Kathi suggested dividing the 13 topics among the members and have each member research and make contact with key experts in that field and provide basic information at the next meeting. At that point Kathi said she needed to leave but would abide by whatever the group decided pertaining to division of the task. Will Anderson took over chairing the meeting. Matthew will create a matrix from the recommended control measures table. Judy will develop a list of people knowledgeable in air quality. The matrix will then be sent to this group to get their reaction and comments, hopefully, by the November meeting.

Suggestion for Unified Development Ordinance Presentation

An email from Keith Luck circulated concerning the potential for a presentation of the Public Review document of the Unified Development Ordinance in November or December. The members decided the December 16, 2003 meeting would be the best time for this item. Frank said the presentation would be focused on the environmental issues in the UDO.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Waddell, Planner